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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1157
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A RESOLUTION to honor Demetrius Greer for his meritorious service to Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm in their respective professions and who have brought honor to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Demetrius Greer is one such estimable Tennessean who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; he has served nobly as Director of Graduate and Professional Opportunities at Tennessee State University since 1995; he recently resigned to serve as Director of Admissions for the School of Law at Chapman University; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Mr. Greer earned an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from TSU in 1992 and a Master's degree in the same discipline in 1999; and

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WHEREAS, before joining the TSU administration, he served with acumen and alacrity as an assistant to Mayor Philip Bredesen; his work greatly benefited the Mayor's office and our Capital City; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the unique qualities of vision and leadership embodied in Mr. Greer, President James A. Hefner recruited Demetrius Greer to TSU in August of 1995 and charged him with establishing the Graduate and Professional Opportunities Office to assist students in gaining admission to graduate and professional schools; and

WHEREAS, in a few short years, Mr. Greer was remarkably successful in creating one of the leading offices of its kind in the United States, and TSU benefited from a marked increase in graduate and professional opportunities for its students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greer's accomplishments as Director are varied and numerous; in 1995, he initiated the school's first graduate and professional school fair, which has now grown to include more than 120 schools and 1,100 students, he implemented the Princeton Review Test Preparation program in 1998, sponsored law and medical school forums and a graduate school symposium, and established a website for his office; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the welfare of TSU's students, he served as an adviser for the Student Government Association, LYLAS, and 100 Collegiate Black Men and participated in a wide range of campus organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Greer earned the respect and admiration of the school's students, faculty, administration, and alumni alike for the unsurpassed quality of his service to the university; and

WHEREAS, he inspired ebullient praise from his colleagues, friends, students, and peers, including President Hefner, who remarked, "I am delighted that he came our way. He reminds me of what TSU is all about in terms of the fact that he is articulate, urbane, and represents us so well in everything he does. And he is going to do the same thing for this law school. We will miss him"; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Greer has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, and he has made a lasting and immeasurable impact on the budding leaders of our nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and recognize the esteemed Demetrius Greer on the occasion of his departure from Tennessee State University and express to him our best wishes for much happiness and every continued success in his new position as Director of Admissions for Chapman University School of Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.